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KONKAN REGION TOURIST DESTINATION
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to convert some world renowned tourist destinations like Ganpatpule, Pawas, Welneshwar, Panhadkaji, Thiba Palace, Machad of the Konkan Region into "A" category;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any funds have been given by the Government for the development of the Konkan Region as tourist spot; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Tourism does not have any scheme for categorization of world renowned tourist destinations into different categories.

(c) & (d): The development and promotion of various tourism destinations are primarily undertaken by the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism, however, provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for tourism infrastructure development projects identified in consultation with them, subject to availability of funds, inter-se- priority and adherence to scheme guidelines.

The Ministry of Tourism during the 10th Plan period has sanctioned six projects at an estimated cost of Rs.24.88 crore in Konkan Region.